

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 652

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Joshua Duane Backman,
2002 Co-Salutatorian of Beech High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Joshua Duane Backman is one such exceptional student who was recently named Co-Salutatorian of the 2002 graduating class at Beech High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Joshua has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary Grade Point Average; and

WHEREAS, due to his outstanding commitment to academic excellence, Joshua Backman has earned numerous honors and awards, including the Gold Medal for his remarkable performance on the National Latin Exam; and

WHEREAS, a multi-talented individual, Joshua Duane Backman possesses tremendous athletic talent, and he has distinguished himself as a valuable member of numerous athletic teams including his school's Freshman Baseball team, Tennis team and Hockey team; and

WHEREAS, highly respected as a leader among his peers, Mr. Backman is active in numerous scholastic and service organizations, including the National Honor Society, the JCL, the Future Business Leaders of America, the Future Farmers of America, the Distributive Education Clubs of America and the Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Joshua Duane Backman participates in numerous public service activities; and

WHEREAS, a young man of impeccable character, Mr. Backman is an integral part of his church's youth group; and

WHEREAS, Joshua's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as he pursues a degree in Chemical Engineering; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Joshua Duane Backman's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2002 Beech High School Co-Salutatorian, Joshua Duane Backman, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.